

MISCELLANY

Little Bessie.

BY MRS. ANNIE CHAMBERS KETCHUM.
I had told him Christmas morning,
As he sat upon my knee,
Holding fast his little stockings,
Stuffed as full as could be,
And attentive listening to me,
With a face demure and mild,
That old Santa Claus, who filled them,
Did not love a naughty child.

"But we'll be good, won't we, mother?"
And from off my lap he slid,
Digging deep among the goodies,
In his crimson stockings hid;
While I turned me to my table,
Where a tempting goblet stood,
Brimming high with dainty egg-nog,
Sent me by a neighbor good.

But the kitten, then before me,
With his white paw, nothing loth,
Sat, by way of entertainment,
Slapping off the shining froth;
And, not in the gentlest humor,
At the loss of such a treat,
I confess I rather rudely
Thrust him out into the street.

Then, how Bessie's blue eye kindled!
Gathering up the precious store
He had busily been pouring
In his tiny pinafore,
With a generous look that shamed me,
Sprang he from the carpet bright,
Shoving by his mein indignant,
All a baby's sense of right.

"Come back, Harney!" called he, loudly,
As he held his apron white—
"You shall have my candy wabbit!"
But the door was fastened tight;
So he stood abashed and silent,
In the centre of the floor,
With defeated look alternate
Bent on me and on the door.

Then, as by some sudden impulse,
Quickly ran he to the fire,
And while eagerly his bright eyes
Watched the flames go high and higher,
In a brave, clear key, he shouted,
Like some lordly little elf,
"Santa Klaus, come down the chimney,
Make my mother 'have herself'."

"I will be a good girl, Bessie,"
Said I, feeling the reproof,
And straightway called poor Harney,
Mewing on the gallery roof.
Soon the anger was forgotten,
Laughter chased away the frown,
And they gambled 'neath the live oaks
Till the dusky night came on.

In my dim, fire-lighted chamber,
Harney purred beneath my chair,
And my play-word boy beside me,
Kneeling to say his evening prayer;
"God bless father—God bless mother,
God bless sister—then a pause,
And the sweet young lips devoutly
Murmured, "God bless Santa Klaus!"

He is sleeping—brown and silken
Lie the lashes long and meek,
Like caressing clinging shadows
On his plump and peachy cheek;
And I bend above him weeping
Thankful tears—oh, undimmed!
For a woman's crown of glory,
For the blessing of a child.

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